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(54) Title: MUC1 LIGANDS

(57) Abstract: Novel ligands that bind to MUC1 are disclosed. The ligands were isolated using an improved phage display technique using MUC1 tandem repeat as a target. Uses of the ligand to detect, monitor or treat cancer as well as to prepare antibodies is also described.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/CA 00/00711**B x I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claim 29 is directed at least in part to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 8
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

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see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
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see further information sheet, invention 1

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box 1.2

Claims Nos.: 8

Claim 8 relates to an extremely large number of possible compounds. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Moreover, a preliminary search for peptides containing the sequence Pro-Aaa-Pro has given more than 150,000 compounds disclosed in the prior art.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely to the compounds disclosed in claims 9-10 and extended to those containing the sequence Pro-Aaa-Pro prepared in the examples and/or listed in claim 15.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 8-10, 20-26 (all complete); 1-3, 15-19, 27-33 (all partially)

Isolated and purified ligands that bind to MUC1 comprising the sequence Pro-Aaa-Pro, method for their isolation, uses in therapy and diagnostics and antibodies binding them.

2. Claims: 4-7, 11-14 (all complete); 1-3, 15-19, 27-33 (all partially)

Isolated and purified ligands disclosed in claim 1, as far as not covered by subject 1, their uses in therapy and diagnostics and antibodies binding them.

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